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COMES NOW, the Iowa Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, pursuant to Iowa R. App. P. 6.1002, and for its Motion for Leave to File a Reply Brief, states as follows:

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learned that to be treated as an appellant before this Court with the right to file a reply brief, OCA should have also filed a notice of appeal. OCA requests this Court grant its Motion for Leave to File a Reply Brief in Support of Appellants due to OCA's well-documented participation in this matter and due to the lack of prejudice because no party resists OCA's motion.

2. In the District Court proceeding below, OCA intervened, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.19(2), and stated its intent to joint with Appellants pursuant to Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.1603(1). *See* Docket Entries, pg. 3. The District Court granted OCA's intervention. *Id.* OCA filed a Brief in Support of Appellants' Petition for Judicial Review and a Reply Brief in Support of Appellants' Petition for Judicial Review. *Id.* at 4–5.

3. OCA fully participated in the underlying proceeding before the Iowa Utilities Board. *OCA Proof Brief*, pg. 7.

4. OCA mistakenly believed that its intervention joining with Appellants at the District Court stage of this proceeding would grant OCA similar status with this Court.

5. Due to its mistaken belief, OCA filed its Proof Brief on the same date Appellants filed their Proof Brief. Further, both the Iowa Utilities Board's and MidAmerican Energy Company's Proof Briefs respond to OCA's Proof Brief. OCA and Appellants raise similar arguments in their respective Proof Briefs.

6. OCA has conferred with counsel representing the Iowa Utilities Board, MidAmerican Energy Company, and Appellants, and no party resists OCA's Motion for Leave to File a Reply Brief.

7. OCA has conditionally filed its Proof Reply Brief as an attachment to this Motion and it has been served on all parties to this appeal.

OCA respectfully requests this Court grant its Motion for Leave to File a Reply Brief.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies he electronically filed the foregoing Intervenor Office of Consumer Advocate Motion for Leave to File a Reply Brief on August 1, 2022, in EDMS, which will send notice of this filing to all parties and attorneys of record.

<u>/s/ Jeffrey J. Cook</u>	<u>8/1/22</u>
Signature	Date